

Another One Of 'Those Days'

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HUAC Chairman Ousts Lawyer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Protesting what they called an "atmosphere of terror," seven lawyers walked out on a hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on Wednesday leaving their clients without counsel.

The walkout followed the forcible removal of one attorney during another frequently stormy session of the committee's inquiry into anti-Viet Nam war activities.

One of the lawyers who quit the hearing room, Miss Beverly Axelrod, said she feared physical violence after seeing attorney Arthur A. Kinoy wrestled from the room by plainclothes officers.

Eight persons subpoenaed before the committee as witnesses, who were left without legal counsel by the exodus,

were given until noon Thursday to obtain other lawyers or to seek committee help in enlisting legal aid.

Two others did not respond when their names were called.

Several of the subpoena holders tried to make speeches but were gavelled down by the acting chairman, Joe R. Pool, D-Tex.

This prompted another outburst of shouting by some spectators. Four girls and a man in priest's garb were carried or escorted by police to patrol wagons.

Rep. Richard Ichord, D-Mo., told Pool "I've seen enough" and he urged Pool to end this phase of the hearings as quickly as possible and get to the legislation the committee is to consider.

These are bills to punish those who attempt to interfere with the movement of U.S. troops and war material.

Altogether, more than a score of persons were hauled to a downtown police station and charged with disorderly conduct.

Most shouted phrases such as "End the war in Viet Nam," "End This Farce" and "let him talk."

Some quickly forfeited \$10 in bond and returned to the hearing. Seventeen were ejected Tuesday, the first day of the hearing, for similar outbursts.

"I predict the House will take decisive action," Ichord said in speaking of the proposed legislation.

"There is a very serious need for this legislation."

The hearings have brought on a collision between Congress and the federal courts over the question of whether the committee has a constitutional right to proceed.

Ichord also said the matter of the attorneys walking out is open to "serious question."

He said this is because Dr. Allen Krebs, client of one of the departing attorneys, had a prepared mimeographed statement ready announcing that he would walk out.

Three plainclothesmen seized Kinoy, pinned his arms behind him and forced him pushing and struggling out of the room.

Kinoy, chief counsel for two subpoenaed witnesses, was ousted after Pool ordered him to "sit down" during a tart exchange over testimony by Philip McCombs.